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Dear Frits,

Can you recall any discussion either (1) by anyone in print, or (2) in correspondence among us that contrasts the policies of naming serotypes of

- a. Salmonella with binomial epithets
- b. Escherichia with coded antigenic formulas.

Somewhere I thought I had seen or written that (a) had the advantage of encouraging investigators to publish every new combination, at least when first encountered, so that the literature is more complete.

Besides possible references, would you tell me your views. Is this latter point correct? And if so, is it a particular advantage; or does it just clutter up the literature?

Sincerely yours,

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